

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for restoring resources on a computer, comprising:
 - providing a configuration database including resource information;
 - receiving a restoration request including a computer identifier associated with the computer;
 - accessing the configuration database based on the computer identifier to identify a restorable resource associated with the computer; and
 - encrypting the restorable resource to form an encrypted restorable resource.
 - ~~providing the restorable resource to the computer.~~
2. (Canceled).
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein providing further comprising providing the~~ encrypted restorable resource to the computer. ~~includes providing the restorable resource to a server connected to the computer.~~
4. (Canceled).
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein providing the encrypted restorable resource to the computer includes providing an address for the restorable address.
- 6.-11. (Canceled).

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising registering a plurality of installed resources associated with the computer in the configuration database.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein registering the plurality of installed resources includes providing a resource name and a computer identifier associated with the computer.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein registering the plurality of installed resources includes providing the resource name and computer identifier in an encrypted file.

15.-16. (Canceled).

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the configuration database includes providing a configuration database having resource identifying information, resource version information, and resource location information.

18.-21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently amended) A computer system, comprising:
a computer having a plurality of installed resources; and
a configuration manager coupled to the computer; said configuration manager is adapted to store a configuration database including resource information associated with the computer, adapted to receives a restoration request from the computer including a computer identifier associated with the computer, adapted to authenticate the restoration request, adapted to access the configuration database to identify a restorable resource based on the computer identifier associated with the computer, and adapted to provide the restorable resource to the computer.

23. (Original) The computer system of claim 22, wherein the computer is adapted to install the restorable resource.

24. (Original) The computer system of claim 22, further comprising a server coupled to the computer and adapted to receive the restorable resource and install the restorable resource on the computer.

25. (Original) The computer system of claim 22, further comprising a server coupled to the computer, the configuration manager being housed on the server.

26. (Original) The computer system of claim 22, wherein the configuration manager is adapted to provide the restorable resource to the computer by providing an address for the restorable address.

27.-35. (Canceled).

36. (Original) The computer system of claim 22, wherein the computer is adapted to register a plurality of installed resources associated with the computer in the configuration database.

37. (Original) The computer system of claim 36, wherein the computer is adapted to register the plurality of installed resources by providing a resource name and a computer identifier associated with the computer.

38. (Original) The computer system of claim 37, wherein the computer is adapted to provide the resource name and computer identifier in an encrypted file.

39.-41. (Canceled).

42. (Original) The computer system of claim 22, wherein the configuration database includes resource identifying information, resource version information, and resource location information.

43.-46. (Canceled).

47. (Currently amended) A program storage device, comprising:
a configuration database including resource information;
program instructions, that when executed by a processing device perform
a method for restoring a resource on a computer, the method
comprising:
receiving a restoration request including a computer identifier
associated with the computer;
accessing the configuration database based on the computer
identifier to identify a restorable resource associated with the
computer; and
~~providing the restorable resource to the computer.~~
identifying an available upgrade for the restorable resource.

48. (Canceled).

49. (Currently amended) The program storage device of claim 47 70, wherein
providing the restorable resource or the upgrade of the restorable resource to the
computer in the method includes providing an address for the restorable address.

50.-55. (Canceled).

56. (Original) The program storage device of claim 47, wherein the configuration database includes resource identifying information, resource version information, and resource location information.

57.-60. (Canceled).

61. (Currently amended) A system for updating a computer system having a plurality of installed resources, comprising a configuration manager that is adapted to stores a configuration database including resource information associated with the computer, adapted to receives a restoration request from the computer including a computer identifier associated with the computer, adapted to accesses the configuration database to identify a restorable resource based on the computer identifier associated with the computer, ~~and adapted to~~ provide the restorable resource to the computer and adapted to bill the user.

62. (Original) The computer system of claim 61, wherein the configuration manager is adapted to provides an address for the restorable address to the computer.

63. (Original) The computer system of claim 61, wherein the configuration database includes resource identifying information, resource version information, and resource location information.

64. (Currently amended) A computer system for restoring resources on a computer, comprising:

means for storing resource information;

means for receiving a restoration request including a computer identifier associated with the computer;

means for accessing the resource information based on the computer identifier to identify a restorable resource associated with the computer; and

~~means for providing the restorable resource to the computer.~~

means for encrypting the restorable resource to form an encrypted restorable resource.

65. (New) The computer system of claim 64, further comprising means for authenticating said restoration request.

66. (New) The computer system of claim 64, further comprising means for billing a user based on said restoration request.

67. (New) The computer system of claim 64, further comprising means for providing the encrypted restorable resource to the computer.

68. (New) The program storage device of claim 47, wherein the method further comprises offering the restorable resource and the upgrade of the restorable resource.

69. (New) The program storage device of claim 68, wherein the method further comprises enabling a user to select either the restorable resource or the upgrade of the restorable resource.

70. (New) The program storage device of claim 69, wherein the method further comprises providing either the restorable resource or the upgrade of the restorable resource based on the user's selection.

71. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein providing the encrypted restorable resource to the computer comprises providing the restorable resource to a server connected to the computer.